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SUBJECT: BELGIAN DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ZAIRE RECOGNITION OF MPLA

DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ZAIRIAN AFFAIRS FEBRUARY 27, FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN)- PRESUMABLY REFLECTING
KINSHASA EMBASSY REPORTING - TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTED PRESIDENT
OBUTU TO REVERSE HIMSELF AND RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA
IF DETERIORATION OF MILITARY SITUATION CONTINUES. JAENEN SAID
ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE ITSELF TO MPLA FOR FOLLOWING
COMPELLING REASONS;

-ZAIRE CANNOT CONTROL 2000 KILOMETER BORDER BETWEEN

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ZAIRE AND A HOSTILE ANGOLA;

-ALMOST ALL OF ZAIRE'S COPPER EXPORTS HAVE TO BE SHIPPED THROUGH

ANGOLA BY BENGUELA-TEIXEIRA DE DOUSA RAILROAD; AND
IMPORTANT TRIBES IN REGION-INCLUDING KEY LUNDA
TRIBE-LIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA BORDER.
JAENEN ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEM OF APPROXIMATELY 4000
ARMED EX-KATANGA GENDARMES CURRENTLY FIGHTING ALONGSIDE
MPLA. HE SAID THAT THESE TROOPS WOULD REMAIN POTENTIAL
THREAT TO MOBUTU GOVERNMENT UNLESS ZAIRE-MPLA UNDERSTANDING
NEUTRALIZED THEM. FIRESTONE

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